

## REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Paragraphs [0003] and [0004] of the specification were amended to better describe the prior art.

Claims 1, 2 and 4 have been amended.

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). Applicant encloses four replacement sheets of drawings.

Claims 2-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112. Claim 2 has been amended to delete the duplicate phrase "for winding and unwinding the control cable." Claim 4 was rejected because the examiner states that the phrase "the housing is forged with the crown" is unclear. Claim 4 has been amended to recite that the housing and the crown are forged together.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kuo (US6767024). Examiner states that the cable guide of Kuo includes a housing 10 formed on an outer surface of a crown of the suspension system. Applicant respectfully disagrees with this statement. The housing or first collar 10 of Kuo is mounted to the handlebar, see col. 2, lines 38-45 and is not formed on an outer surface of a crown as claimed in the present invention. Kuo discloses a cable guide or block 651 mounted on a clamp ring 65 that is mounted to an end of an inner tube 52 of the suspension fork. In contrast, the housing of the cable guide of the present invention is formed with the crown that connects the fork legs to the steerer tube. Accordingly, Kuo fails to disclose a housing of a cable guide that is formed with a crown of a suspension system as claimed in the present invention. Therefore, claims 1 and 2 are felt to be patentable over Kuo.

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuo alone. Examiner states that Kuo does not disclose the housing as forged with the crown, but it would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include this means of making, amount other well-known means. Examiner further states that this feature involves a manner in which the invention is made, and is therefore patentably immaterial. Applicant respectfully disagrees with this rejection.

Kuo discloses a cable guide or block 651 that is mounted on a clamp ring 65. The clamp ring 65 is mounted to an end of the inner tube 52 of the suspension fork. In contrast, the amended claim 4 of the present invention states that the housing of the cable guide and the crown are forged together. Therefore, Kuo fails to teach or suggest a cable guide housing and a crown that are forged together as claimed in claim 4. Further, the limitations such "formed with" or "forged together" are used to describe physical characteristics of the product. These words are limitations on the structure of the invention, not words describing how the invention is made. See e.g., In re Garnero, 412 F.2d 276, 162 U.S.P.Q. 221 (C.C.P.A. 1969) (holding "interbonded by interfusion" to limit structure of the claimed composite and noting the terms such as "welded," "intermixed," "ground in place," "press fitted," and "etched" are capable of construction as structural limitations.) Accordingly, the limitations "formed with" or "forged together" are structural limitations that should be given patentable weight. For the above reasons, the rejection of claim 4 should be withdrawn.

This amendment is believed to be fully responsive to the comments and suggestions of the Examiner and to place this application in condition for allowance. Favorable action is requested.

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